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In re application of:

Tribble, James G.

Appl. No.: 10/600,254

Filed: June 20, 2003

For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection  
Assembly**

Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Mark S. Graham

Atty. Docket: 911560/00003DIV

## Response and Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295.

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/600,254; Filed: June 20, 2003  
For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**  
Inventor: James G. Tribble  
Our Ref: 911560/00003DIV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Response and Amendment;
2. PTO 1083 (in duplicate);
3. Our Check No. 7-23443 for \$199.00 to cover the additional claim fee (small entity status); and
4. One (1) return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached post card be stamped with the date of filing of these documents and returned as soon as possible.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan D. Dortenzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" being more prominent.

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Sir:  
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Response  
☒ Additional claim fee is required

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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